

# **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MULTI-PARTY MESSAGE-BASED VOICE COMMUNICATIONS**

## **Abstract**

One embodiment of the present invention provides a system and method  
5 for providing flexible message-based communications between two or more  
individuals logically interconnected over a centralized messaging infrastructure.  
A voice message server interfaces to a plurality of personal communication  
devices (PCDs) over a wireless data network. Each PCD includes an "Attention"  
button that alerts the PCD to begin processing voice messages. Voice messages  
10 are forwarded to the voice message server and are queued, stored and played to  
the user of the receiving PCD. Each user must be signed on in a voice messaging  
session and can participate in one or more moderatable and simultaneous  
discussion groups.